



State of Wisconsin  
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## 2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 484

November 5, 2015 - Introduced by Representatives RIEMER, BARNES, JOHNSON, GOYKE, BERCEAU, MASON, SINICKI, SUBECK, ZAMARRIPA, POPE, SPREITZER, BOWEN, WACHS and OHNSTAD, cosponsored by Senators HARRIS DODD, CARPENTER, LASSA, RINGHAND and L. TAYLOR. Referred to Joint Committee on Finance.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 49.163 (2) (am) 2.; and *to create* 20.437 (2) (dm) and 49.163  
2           (2) (d) of the statutes; **relating to:** providing additional funding for the  
3           Transform Milwaukee Jobs program and the Transitional Jobs program and  
4           making an appropriation.

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### ***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill provides general purpose revenue funding to expand the Transform Milwaukee Jobs program and the Transitional Jobs program.

Under current law, the Department of Children and Families (DCF) must establish a Transform Milwaukee Jobs program in Milwaukee County and may, if funding is available, establish a Transitional Jobs program in one or more geographic areas of the state that are not in Milwaukee County, to the extent of available funds. Funding for the programs comes chiefly from the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant.

Under the programs, DCF pays to an employer, or a person with which DCF contracts to administer the programs (contractor), that employs a program participant a wage subsidy for up to 40 hours per week at minimum wage and may reimburse an employer or contractor for certain taxes, unemployment insurance contributions or taxes, and worker's compensation insurance premiums that are attributable to employment of the participant. To be eligible to participate in a program, an individual must be at least 18 years old, and, if over 24 years old, must be the parent or primary relative caregiver of a child under the age of 18; must have household income below 150 percent of the poverty line; must be unemployed for at



